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In re application of: Geuze and Melief) Examiner: Amy DeCloux
Serial No.: 09/011,167)
Filed: October 5, 1998)
For: CELL DERIVED ANTIGEN PRESENTING) **VERSION WITH MARKINGS TO**
VESICLES) **SHOW CHANGES MADE TO THE**
) **CLAIMS**

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Sir:

These marked-up versions of the claims accompany the attached Amendment for the above identified patent application, and are submitted with the Appellant's Brief on Appeal pursuant to 37 CFR § 1.192.

IN THE CLAIMS:

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3. (Reiterated) The antigen presenting vesicle according to claim 13 further comprising at least partially processed antigens.

4. (Reiterated) The vesicle according to claim 3 wherein said at least partially processed antigens are presented in the context of MHC class I proteins.

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6. (Reiterated) The antigen presenting vesicle according to claim 13, wherein said antigen presenting cell is derived from a B-lymphocyte, a Langerhans cell, a macrophage or a dendritic cell.

9. (Three Times Amended) [A method for obtaining antigen presenting vesicles] An antigen presenting vesicle having a membrane and a major histocompatibility complex (MHC) class I protein, [said method comprising] obtained by the step of:

recovering a membrane-enriched fraction obtained by differential centrifugation of membrane-containing fractions of cell culture supernatants or lysates of antigen presenting cells [whereby fractions containing said antigen presenting vesicles are obtained].

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11. (Amended) [A method for obtaining antigen presenting vesicles] An antigen presenting vesicle having a membrane and a major histocompatibility complex [(MHC) protein derived from MHC] class I[I] molecule, [said method comprising] obtained by the step of:

recovering a 70,000 x g pellet obtained by differential centrifugation of membrane-containing fractions of cell culture media or lysates of antigen presenting cells containing MHC class I[I], whereby fractions containing said antigen presenting vesicles are obtained].

12. (Amended) A [method for obtaining] purified antigen presenting vesicle[s] having a membrane and a major histocompatibility complex [(MHC) protein derived from MHC] class I[I] molecule, [said method comprising] obtained by the step of:

recovering a fraction having a buoyant density of 1.10 to 1.22 g/ml from a 70,000 x g pellet obtained by differential centrifugation of membrane-containing fractions of cell culture supernatants or lysates of antigen presenting cells containing MHC class I[I], whereby purified antigen presenting vesicles are obtained].

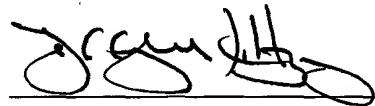
13. (Twice Amended) An antigen presenting vesicle free from its natural surroundings, comprising:

a membrane and a major histocompatibility complex (MHC) class I protein or a functional derivative or fragment thereof, wherein said antigen presenting vesicle is obtainable from [a] an antigen presenting cell.

CONCLUSION

Should the Board of Appeals have any questions regarding the above, the Board is invited to call the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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